

Remarks/Arguments

Reconsideration of this application is requested. This amendment complies with requirements of form only and thus is admissible under 37 CFR 1.116(b).

Claim Status

Claims 20-39 were presented. Claims 20-25 and 32-35 are canceled, and claims 26 and 36 are amended. Claims 26-31 and 36-39 are now pending.

Claim Rejections

Claims 20-25 and 32-35 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by Fujita et al. (US 5,336,915). In response, claims 20-25 and 32-35 are canceled.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 26-31 and 36-39 are indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 26 and 36 are rewritten in independent form to include all limitations of, respectively, base claims 20 and 32. Claims 27-31 and 37-39 depend from, respectively, claims 26 and 36. Thus, claims 26-31 and 36-39 are now in allowable form.

Conclusion

This application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to resolve any issues that remain after entry of this amendment. Any fees due in connection with this response may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-1314.

Respectfully submitted,
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